

## FIRE NUGENT FOR WILSON SLUR

POLICE RUSH TO MEETING THAT  
DEPOSES STATE CHAIRMAN.

A committeeman is ejected by hoonceers from Essex. Nugent willing to repeat his remarks to the Governor's face. His job declared vacant.

ASBURY PARK, Aug. 10.—James R. Nugent was turned out of his job of Democratic State chairman to-day because he called Gov. Woodrow Wilson an ingrate and a liar, but before he went there was a row at the Coleman house in which hoonceers from Essex county, police reserves from the police station here and committee men were mingled. The big biceps squad came from Nugent's own bailiwick, and you didn't need to walk five paces in the corridors of the hotel to hear that he had brought them down to see that he didn't get the worst of to-day's special meeting. Wherever they came from and however sturdy they were, they melted like snow before sunshine when the police came.

There isn't any State chairman now. After Mr. Nugent had sung his swan song a motion was offered declaring his office vacant and naming Edward E. Grosscup of Gloucester as his successor. But Mr. Grosscup's part of the resolution didn't pass. In two weeks, when the heat of to-day's session has cooled, the committee will gather again at Trenton to fill the empty office.

A squabble over a proxy developed into a riot that overshadowed for a time the real quarrel on account of which the committee met.

There were sixteen of the twenty-six members present when Mr. Nugent went into the room reserved at the hotel and called the meeting to order. His official presence was what the insurgent members had been waiting for, because it legalized the gathering. This special meeting had been called by some of the members who took exception to their chairman's remarks at a sociable at Spring Lake a while ago. They were afraid that he wouldn't attend and that their procedure could be attacked later.

About the first thing that attracted the official attention of Chairman R. Nugent was the statement of William F. Kraft of Camden, that he held a proxy from William E. Davis, also from Camden. Mr. Nugent said that this couldn't be true because he had a letter from Mr. Davis saying that no proxy had been issued by the absent Camden member. Kraft waved a piece of paper in the air and insisted upon being heard. Then there was action.

Three of the dozen or more rangy persons who had been draping themselves about the walls and at the doors advanced quickly and the next thing Mr. Kraft knew he was leaving the room inside a hollow square.

"Won't somebody help me?" cried Mr. Kraft as he touched the high points on the way to the door.

"Ain't we helping you?" returned the muscular one whose hand was in the middle of the committee's back pushing over on ward.

Out in the hall several anti-Nugent men were gathered. The swiftly leaving member tossed the proxy to the floor and it was caught up and held until later. The antics took in the meaning of the exodus and shouted loudly that the burly one from Essex was a menace to life and limb. The guests of the hotel took up the cry and before you knew it Chief Bill H. Smith had his reserves making record time toward the meeting place.

The folks staying at the Coleman house, the ones to whom politics was not an everyday occurrence, blinked their eyes at the sight of uniforms blossoming in the corridors and about the doors of the committee room. The hoonceers were notably absent.

Judge B. P. Wills of Burlington, the vice-president, took the chair so that Mr. Nugent might have an opportunity to say a few things. The Essex man told the committee that what he had said about Gov. Wilson he considered a purely private affair and he added that he was perfectly willing to repeat his remarks to the Governor's face if he felt so disposed.

Mr. Nugent also had something to say about what he had done for the Democratic party in Camden. It appeared that he had gone down there and dug up a lot of frauds, that he had reduced the Republican majority from 7,000 to 1,500 and that in Atlantic City he had let the Republicans know that the Democratic committee was doing something. Mr. Nugent's speech filled quite a period and then he took up his hat and said:

"Gentlemen, I will retire." A croak of the finger to Charles H. Gallagher of Mercer county, his lieutenant, also removed that member from the room.

That left the committee without a quorum and it looked black for the anti-Nugent cause. The next useful thing Senator George C. Low of Ocean county put his head in the door and remarked pleasantly, "Good afternoon, gentlemen!"

Mr. Kraft also dropped back into the room to make use of the proxy that had been scooped off the floor, but by this time the bluecoat guards had become a phalanx and a rearing party of them carried Mr. Kraft once more from the room. This time he stayed away and a little while later he was heard from at Sea Girt.

Judge Willard W. Cutler of Morris made a motion for a week's adjournment on the theory that swift action wouldn't be wise. That motion was smothered. Then Judge Howard Carrow of Camden said that it was impossible to forget that Mr. Nugent had insulted the Governor, but even skipping that insult entirely, his conduct to-day had been such as no gentleman could condone. Mr. Nugent, he said, had disgraced himself before the committee. Judge Nelson Dungan of Somerset said that the spectacles he had witnessed in which Nugent and his allies figured had removed from his mind any consideration for the chairman.

It was then that Judge Carrow made a motion declaring the office vacant and naming Mr. Grosscup. It was passed when Mr. Grosscup's name was eliminated. The conference at Trenton will be at the Hotel Sterling. The members who voted to-day were:

## GERAGHTY AND BRIDE FOUND

NEWPORT ELOPERS VISIT RELATIVE OF BRIDEGROOM.

Went From Central Village to Boston and Thence to Springfield, Eluding Detectives—Spent Evening at Theatre—Bride's Parents Refuse Statement.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Aug. 10.—John Edward Paul Geraghty, the Newport chauffeur, and his bride, formerly Julia French, have been found in this city at the home of Joseph H. Harris, a carpenter and builder, of 220 Pine street, whose wife is a cousin of Geraghty.

Mrs. Harris denied emphatically that the elopers were there, but later admitted that the couple had spent the night at her home.

Geraghty and his wife after boarding a train at Central Village yesterday morning went directly to Boston. Although Boston detectives were set to find them as soon as the girl's family learned of the elopement the couple easily evaded their pursuers.

They left Boston and came west. In Worcester the sleuths got a glimpse of the pair and then the trail was lost. Geraghty and his bride left the train at the Oak street station, Indian Orchard, a suburb of this city. From there they went directly to the home of Geraghty's cousin.

The couple expressed great joy over the escape from their pursuers and planned to stay here for some time. When a reporter called at the house Mrs. Harris came to the door.

"Is your relative Geraghty here?" she was asked.

Mrs. Harris closed the door as she said: "We have nothing to say concerning Mr. Geraghty."

A few minutes later a tall young man and a girl, easily recognized as the bride by her resemblance to the pictures that have been printed, went from the rear of the house, which is a double apartment, and boarded a car. They went to the business centre of the city and inquired the way to Poll's theatre. They spent the evening at the show.

Geraghty when approached by a reporter said he had not communicated with his parents nor had his wife. He expressed chagrin that he had been pursued but was pleased that the detectives had not been successful in tracing him.

Mrs. Geraghty was plainly dressed. She had exchanged the blue travelling gown she had worn when she left Central Village for a suit of darker material and treated her marriage with the greatest seriousness.

"I love my husband. Of course I love Jack," she said, "and whatever my parents or relatives try to do to break up our happiness will prove unsuccessful. I am very fond of my husband and love him truly. You may say that and I guess that is all for now."

Neither would say what their plans are, although it was acknowledged at the house where they are staying that they intend to make it their headquarters for the present and to tour the Berkshires in the meantime.

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On this account they would say nothing to-day, except Snyvesant LeRoy, an uncle of the girl, who said in behalf of the family:

"Miss Julia French was married Wednesday to a man unknown to her family. There is nothing further to be said."

From this it is taken to mean that Mr. French has satisfied himself that the marriage took place. Whether this information was furnished by Mrs. French Vanderzuit, who left on Wednesday after noon in her automobile, or whether it was furnished by detectives who are said to have been put on the trail of the elopers, the family has not said.

What attitude Mr. and Mrs. French will take toward their daughter when she returns with her husband is another matter upon which nothing whatever has been said. They will not discuss this feature of the affair.

The Newport summer residents are greatly interested in the elopement. Quite a number called at Maple Shade, the home of Mr. and Mrs. French, to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Geraghty volunteered the information that their son had been employed at the Pembler garage as a demonstrator of automobiles and that he had sold many automobiles there. They also said that he was well supplied with money and that he had not sent for any clothing.

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## RUMOR THAT POPE IS DYING.

Paris Has Report That the Supreme Pontiff's Life is Near the End.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—It is reported that the Pope is dying at 2:30 this morning. The rumor has not been confirmed.

ROME, Aug. 10.—Dr. Amici, the Pope's household physician, this afternoon performed a slight operation on the Pope's knee, removing a quantity of fluid of a serum character. After the operation the Pope said that he felt greatly relieved and was much more able to move his knee.

The Pope was much better this evening, although his heart is still weak. He is in better spirits and has assured his sisters, who have been with him during his illness, and his physicians that he is confident he will recover.

The Pope was removed this morning to the library, on the second floor, where the intense heat prevailing in Rome was felt less. This morning the attending doctors found that the Pope's heart was weaker and they ordered caffeine administered.

In spite of his illness the Pope this afternoon ratified the decision of the Consistorial Congregation which appointed the Right Rev. J. J. Keane, Bishop of Cheyenne, to be Archbishop of Dubuque, and the Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, auxiliary Bishop of Grand Rapids, as Bishop of the new diocese of Toledo.

The reports issued by the Vatican relative to the Pope's health are of the most contradictory sort, but it is manifest that a great apprehension exists among the Vatican authorities. It seems that the greatest fear is that the Pope may suffer another gouty or uremic attack, which under the present conditions may prove fatal.

## ATWOOD PLANS LONG FLIGHT.

Proposes to Travel in the Air From St. Louis to Boston.

BOSTON, Aug. 10.—In a telegram to Boston friends Harry N. Atwood, the Roxbury aviator, whose flights from Waltham to Concord, N. H., and from Boston to New London to attend the Harvard-Yale boat races established him as an aviator, announces that he will start next Saturday on a cross-country flight from St. Louis to Boston, a distance of 1,500 miles. Atwood's message follows:

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Leave St. Louis Saturday. Route to be travelled as follows: St. Louis, Springfield, Bloomington, Chicago, Elkhart, Waterloo, Toledo, Cleveland, Ashabula, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Albany, New York. If everything is satisfactory will continue trip to Boston and land at Boston meet August 25. Total miles, 1,500. Total time, ten to fifteen days. Best wishes to all the boys.

According to his first plan he was to make New York the terminus of his journey, but the approach of the Harvard aviation meet at Atlantic led him to alter his itinerary. He will add another lap to his flight in hope that he will wind up with a sensational finish while the meet is in progress.

## DENIAL FROM ELEANORA SEARS.

Rumors of Coming Engagement to Harold Vanderbilt Contradicted.

BOSTON, August 10.—Once again the story that Miss Eleanora Sears is about to become engaged to Harold Vanderbilt, which time the story is credited to Newport rumors, which connect her name with that of Harold S. Vanderbilt, and the rumor says that the announcement of their engagement will soon be forthcoming.

The only basis for the story evidently is in a news despatch from Newport which says that Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont is to give a luncheon on August 19 at Marble House in honor of Miss Sears.

An emphatic denial of the engagement story is made on the authority of a member of the Sears family who was interviewed to-day.

Miss Sears is at the summer home of the family on the north shore and yesterday was one of the players in a women's tennis tournament at the Essex County Club.

## NOVICE FLIER SOMERSAULTS.

Sherwood Breaks Aeroplane in First Flight, but is Unhurt.

O. B. Sherwood, a novice flier, had a spill yesterday morning at the aerodrome of the Aero Club of America on Long Island. He had never been off the ground when he took Dr. R. C. Northwood's Curtiss biplane out for a spin over the grass.

The machine went along so well on wheels that he decided to rise. He rose about twenty feet and had been flying about a mile when he saw a house in his path. He quickly dropped, but neglected to shut off the motor.

## MAYOR SHOTS THE CHUTES

HE AND WALDO SEE CONEY ISLAND AT NIGHT.

They Slide Down Hill in a Boat but Balk at the Scenic Railway—Also See Rockaway Beach Walk That Spilled the Baby Paraders on Wednesday.

Mayor Gaynor, with Police Commissioner Waldo and Rudolph Block, visited Coney Island last night. They landed at the Steeplechase pier from the police boat Patrol at 9:10 and spent an hour at the island.

It was said there was no official significance to the visit, the Mayor saying that he had often wanted to visit the amusement park but hadn't had much chance. At Luna Park the Mayor was much amused by the ballyhoo spiliers. Commissioner Waldo urged him to ride in one of the scenic railways, but the Mayor didn't seem eager. He was much interested in the railways, however, and watched the cars rush by with their shrieking loads.

The Mayor did desire one thing, however. He wanted to take a trip on the shoot the chute. So the party was taken up in an escalator and from the pinnacle enjoyed the view there afforded of Coney and its lights. They then took their places in a boat and made the drop.

The Mayor's silk hat didn't hit the water, but the press agent of Luna Park says the Mayor said the ride was fine, but there wasn't enough of it.

The party left for a walk down Surf avenue and the Bowery. They visited Steeplechase Park, where they were joined by Frederick A. Bishop, president of the Iron Steamboat Company; George C. Tilyou, owner of Steeplechase Park, and George C. Sims, manager of the Steeplechase Amusement Company.

The Mayor and his party reembarkeed on the Patrol at 10:20 o'clock. Mayor Gaynor, with Police Commissioner Rhineland Waldo, went to Rockaway Beach last night on the police boat Patrol. They arrived at the Sea Side dock at 7:45 P. M., walked up Sea Side avenue and then proceeded to the boardwalk, going along this as far as the hole into which part of the baby parade spilled on Wednesday.

Returning from this spot the party reembarkeed and sailed away without comment. Coming up Jamaica Bay several small boats recognized the Mayor's party and tooted in salute, getting a return greeting.

The Department of Docks and Ferries is investigating the stability of the entire boardwalk at Rockaway.

## KILLED IN PROSPECT PARK.

Mrs. Samuel Rovner Crushed in Auto Collision—Husband and Daughter Hurt.

Mrs. Samuel Rovner of 643 Linden avenue, Brooklyn, wife of a clothing dealer of 1820 St. Mark's place, was instantly killed last night when an automobile ran into the rear of the carriage in which she was riding with her husband, their daughter and a woman friend in Prospect Park.

Mrs. Rovner and the daughter, Sophia, 10 years old, were cut and bruised and were taken to the Kings County Hospital. The man was unconscious when he arrived at the hospital.

The owner and driver of the automobile, Archibald Jeanette, a piano salesman, of 141 West Ninety-sixth street, Manhattan, was locked up in the Prospect Park station charged with homicide.

The accident occurred about 9 o'clock. The Rovner party in a surrey were jogging along the East Drive near the Park Circle entrance when the automobile came up behind them and smashed into the carriage. All were thrown out of the carriage and the vehicle was demolished. The horse ran away.

Mrs. Rovner's body was sent to the Prospect Park police station. The woman friend was bruised, but was able to go home.

## GAVE HIS LIFE FOR CHILD.

Boy Who Saved Girl From Dog Dies of Hydrophobia.

George Martin, 16 years old, died in Bellevue Hospital yesterday of hydrophobia. He was bitten by a dog on the Fourth of July at 101st street and Madison avenue while trying to save a little girl from the attacks of the animal. The dog bit Martin twice in the palm of the right hand. The girl escaped the animal's teeth.

After a policeman had shot the dog Martin hurried to Mount Sinai Hospital and had the wounds cauterized and dressed. On the advice of the doctor at the hospital he went to the Pasteur Institute for treatment, but as the small wounds healed quickly he stopped going there after two visits.

Two weeks ago the boy went camping with some friends at Huntington, L. I., and seemed to be in perfect health. Gradually he began to lose the use of his right arm, which grew numb, and last Monday he had to return home to where he boarded with Mrs. Annie Scheel of 207 East 101st street. On her advice he went back to the Pasteur Institute, where he was advised to go to Bellevue. By this time his condition was hopeless. The paralysis had extended down his right side.

## FOR PAY IN PARLIAMENT.

House of Commons Votes to Give Its Members \$2,000 a Year.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The House of Commons to-night voted to pay its members. The majority was 98. The Members of Parliament who have heretofore served without pay are scheduled to receive £400, £2,000 a year.

Winston Churchill, the Home Secretary, in the House of Commons this afternoon in moving the resolution that members of Parliament should be paid said that the basis from which a man could be chosen for Parliament would be broadened by their salaries.

The resolution, the Home Secretary said, was really the demand of the democracy for the free choice of its doctor.

## FELL FROM PASSAIC FALLS.

Little Boy Stuck in Rock Crevice for an Hour—Found Unconscious.

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 10.—After being wedged in a crevice at the Passaic Falls for more than an hour eight-year-old James Holmes was unconscious when rescued this afternoon. He was swimming in the falls basin and climbed up to the rocks at the brink of the falls. He slipped and fell into the crevice.

The jagged rocks held him after he had dropped fifteen feet. Lee Van Basile, a special policeman, and Frank Larkin, who were summoned by the boy's companions, succeeded in hauling young Holmes out of his prison. His limbs and body were bruised, but no bones were broken. He is under the care of physicians.

## FIGHTS A FISH FOR 17 HOURS.

Los Angeles Man Wins Record Breaking Battle With 170 Pound Tuna.

AVAILON, Catalina Island, Aug. 10.—C. B. Stockton of Los Angeles ended to-day the longest battle with a leaping tuna on record.

For seventeen hours, ending at 8:30 o'clock this morning, Stockton fought with the fish and when it finally was gaffed by Capt. C. Farnsworth, a mile from Avalon Pier, Stockton was completely exhausted. The tuna weighed 170 pounds. Stockton has qualified for membership in the Tuna Club. Thousands watched the fight from the beach.

## WANTS 1912 CONVENTION.

Philadelphia Moves to Win Republican National Meeting.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 10.—A movement to bring to Philadelphia the Republican national convention of 1912 was started to-day when a delegation representing the Allied Republican Clubs of Philadelphia called upon Mayor Rebyrn and sought his aid.

He assured his callers that he would do all in his power to bring about what they desire.

The delegation that called upon the Mayor was headed by John M. Patterson, an assistant district attorney, who told the Mayor that the allied clubs would raise all or nearly all the money that was needed to defray the expenses of the convention.

## THANKSGIVING WORRY.

Theatre Men Will Be Upset if It Is Fixed for November 25.

Gus Hill as a director of the Theatrical Managers' Producing Association telegraphed President Taft yesterday as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT—It is being widely circulated in New York among theatrical managers that on request of the Bankers Association you will issue a proclamation making Thanksgiving, November 23, Thanksgiving Day. Heretofore it has always been the last Thursday of November and all theatrical contracts with that understanding have been made months in advance. This year a change from the 30th to the 23rd would mean a loss of from 5 to 10 per cent of the gross receipts of that day and night to all travelling managers. Again should the Thanksgiving be changed from the last Thursday to the fourth Thursday the bookings of the holiday would involve changes throughout the entire country and precipitate a distressing condition on both local and travelling managers. If you will kindly set us at rest on the issue you would oblige.

## PHILADELPHIA TIRES TOGO.

Admiral Compelled to Shorten Nightseeing Programme.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 10.—Admiral Togo devoted to-day to nightseeing. American naval officers and Government agents tried to crowd several days into one. Long before it was over the Admiral was tired, very tired.

Toward the middle of the afternoon he intimated that too much was more than enough, so the full programme was not carried out and the party did not get to Cramps' shipyard, as was intended.

Neither was there a theatre party this evening.

The Admiral rose at 8:30, and after breakfast visited the Mayor in City Hall. Then the Mayor returned the call.

The party started for the navy yard before noon and from League Island went to the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden.

At 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon Togo will return to New York.

## MUTTON FOR FOOTBALL SQUAD.

Meat From the Sheep to Be Chief Food on Stanford's Training Table.

## LONDON FACES FAMINE DANGER

7,000 Troops Ready to Go to Lift Embargo on Food Supplies.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—A body of cavalry entrained at Aldershot at 11 o'clock last night and are hurrying to London. Twelve special trains with 7,000 men are ready at Aldershot to follow if necessary. This alone is sufficient to indicate the gravity of the dockmen's strike situation in this city.

London literally is threatened with a famine. The Woolwich garrison yesterday had to wait for breakfast until troops escorted food from the contractors' stores.

Several morning newspapers appear curtailed owing to the shortage of paper. The general shortage of provisions is not being felt severely as yet, but unless the troops effect an issue of provisions from the docks and warehouses and markets or unless the strike is settled the pinch will come to-day, when the retailers renew their stocks.

Many West End hotels, clubs and restaurants are without ice, having run short before noon yesterday. The scarcity of meat is also felt in many places, even in the hospitals. The price of meat has risen greatly and fruit is scarce. Vast quantities of produce are accumulating, but it cannot be unloaded or distributed. The number of strikers increased through the day.

The great railway stations at Paddington, Marylebone, St. Pancras and King's Cross are all affected